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[REDACTED] of the Chinese Communist Army ordered each military district to complete preparations during the first quarter of 1951 to organize an army reserve totaling 34 reserve training divisions. The order made the following statements:

- a. All demobilization projects are to be ended.
- b. The East China Military District will organize 10 divisions; North China, 6 divisions; Central and South China, 8 divisions; Northwest China, 4 divisions; Southwest China, 6 divisions. A separate order will apply to the Northeast.
- c. In areas where local militia is well developed, reserve troops will be drawn from local militia and from other units already in existence. In order to avoid endangering local security measures, not more than 40 percent of the reserves will be obtained this way.
- d. Reserve personnel should be obtained through volunteer service instead of by rigid drafting.
- e. Age limits are from 18 to 25. The most desirable recruits are unemployed workers, shop employees and apprentices.
- f. Organization of reserve training divisions must be completed by the end of March 1951.

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